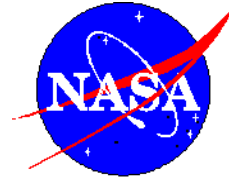


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April Events at the NASA Visitor Center

Saturday, April 6: Model Rocket Launch

A model rocket launch will be held at 1 p.m. on the Visitor Center grounds. Models of various rockets will be launched. Model rocketeers are invited to bring their own rockets and launch them. The launch will be canceled if it is raining or winds exceed 18 mph.

Saturday, April 20: Earth Day

The Visitor Center will hold the following programs for children to celebrate Earth Day.

10 a.m.-- Marsh Walk- Learn about plants and animals living in the marsh at the Visitor Center. Guided by the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge.

11:15 a.m.-- Phytoplankton! Find out why NASA studies phytoplankton, collect a sample and view it under a microscope.

1:45 p.m. -- Make a biosphere in a soda bottle. Please bring a 2 liter soda bottle for this activity.

3:00 p.m. -- Earth Jeopardy-Family fun tests your knowledge of the earth.

All day activities:

Scavenger Hunt: Complete our nature scavenger hunt and receive a NASA lithograph.

Make a pinecone mosquito

Design an Earth Day flag

Earth-Science Demonstrations: Erosion, Volcanic Eruption, Water Testing.

Special teacher packets will be available while supplies last.

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Saturday and Sunday: "Puppets in Space"

"Puppets in Space", a 10-minute puppet show, will be presented at 11 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Puppet astronauts and Sam the monkey will explore space flight, including the space suit. An eight-minute version of the film "Astrosmiles" follows the puppet show.

Daily: "Space Ace"

Children ages 5-10 years can earn a "Space Ace" certificate and a lithograph during their Visitor Center experience by completing an activity sheet.

Sundays: "Humans in Space"

"Humans in Space" is the subject of a 1 p.m. program for children of all ages. The 30-minute program looks at living and working in space, including a review of the astronauts' culinary delights and their wardrobe.

The Visitor Center, part of the Robert L. Krieger Education Complex, is open Thursday through Monday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is located on Route 175 about six miles from Route 13 and five miles from Chincoteague, VA. Admission to Visitor Center programs is free. For further information, please call (757) 824-2298.

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